



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Werner Sobek et al ) Art Unit: 3637  
Appln. No. : 09/646,101 ) Ex: T.A. Phi Dieu N  
Filed : September 21, 2000 )  
For : UMBRELLA DEVICE )

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action of  
November 18, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 18-35 are pending. Of these claims 25-35 have been withdrawn as directed  
to a non-elected aspect of the invention.

Claims 18-24 remain and they have been finally rejected as follows: (1) claims 18-  
21 as anticipated under 35 USC 102(b) by Ennis; (2) claim 22 as unpatentable under 35 USC  
103(a) over Ennis in view of Belanger; (3) claim 23 as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over  
Ennis; and (4) claim 24 as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Ennis in view of Fromme.

These rejections are identical to the rejections in the initial Office Action  
of May 7, 2002. Accordingly, these rejections are again respectfully traversed.